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TEXT OF REPORT BY RADIO AUSTRALIA ON 5 JULY

THERE IS CONCERN OVER WHETHER AN AUSTRALIAN WITH ALLEGED LINKS TO AFGHANISTAN'S TALEBAN WILL RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL UNDER THE UNITED STATES SYSTEM. DAVID HICKS IS ONE OF SIX DETAINEES BEING HELD IN GUANTANAMO BAY IN CUBA, WHO WILL NOW FACE A US MILITARY COMMISSION. SAMANTHA HAWLEY REPORTS.

[HAWLEY] MR HICKS HAS BEEN HELD WITHOUT CHARGE IN CUBA FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND A HALF. THE PRIME MINISTER, JOHN HOWARD, SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT THE ADELAIDE MAN WILL NOW RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL UNDER THE UNITED STATES SYSTEM. BUT THE LABOR PARTY SAYS IT IS NOT EVEN KNOWN WHAT MR HICKS IS BEING CHARGED WITH, AND THEY WANT HIM RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA, AS DOES THE DEMOCRAT SENATOR, BRIAN GREIG.

[GREIG] THERE IS NO EXCUSE, NO REASON WHY HE SHOULDN'T BE RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA.
[HAWLEY] THE GREENS SENATOR, BOB BROWN, AGREES.
[BROWN] HE SHOULD BE BROUGHT HOME AND CHARGED IF HE HAS COMMITTED SOME CRIME.
[HAWLEY] ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN MAN, MAMDOUH HABIB, FROM SYDNEY IS ALSO AMONG THE 600 DETAINEES BEING HELD US CUSTODY IN CUBA.

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